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## CAMPAIGN TO KILL MOSQUITOES

Board of Health Men Have Waged a Constant Warfare.

Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, general health and sanitary officer of the Board of Health in his report to the board for the month of February states that the health of the district was somewhat better than in January. Some of the new cases of sickness which he visited, were of young children suffering from stomach and intestinal trouble due to improper feeding.

He stated that a lot of vegetables and fruits were condemned during the month ranging from pears and onions to pumpkins and figs.

J. Venhuizen, in charge of the mosquito campaign presented the following report:

On account of the recent rains the breeding places have multiplied in such numbers that I beg to call special attention to the great necessity of improving and increasing the present force instead of taking off the force entirely as I am informed will be done on account of lack of funds. The great value of the campaign against mosquitoes has been clearly demonstrated by the work accomplished during the nine months ending February 28, 1909.

Numerous statements have been filed in this office from districts where the campaign has been carried on, of the lessening of mosquitoes and in some instances the pest is reported to be rarely seen. Such voluntary statements speak volumes toward the work being carried on.

Not only should the mosquito be considered as a nuisance and discomfort but one of health, as it is well known that this vicious day mosquito better termed the yellow fever mosquito or (Stegomyia fasciata) is a common carrier of disease and should be guarded against, particularly at this time when we have a regular service of steamers plying between this port and the Mexican border thus placing these islands, subject to the infection of the dreaded disease, the yellow fever.

I would suggest that a few thousand copies of bulletin No. 6, entitled "Mosquitoes in Hawaii", by D. L. Van Dine, issued by the Hawaii Agricultural and Experiment Station be printed or otherwise obtained and mailed to the residents of Honolulu. This I believe would give the average person an idea of what can be done in a campaign against mosquitoes, if each one will do his own part in keeping his own premises free from breeding places.

F. R. Nugent, dispenser at the Free Dispensary reported among other matters that came to his attention during February that there were 1707 eye treatments. This is the result of the campaign against trachoma. Among the nationalities treated for all manner of ailments were 214 Portuguese, 56 Koreans, 55 Hawaiians, 42 Porto Ricans, 32 Part Hawaiians, 24 Americans, 13 Chinese, 11 Spanish, 11 Japanese, 7 British, 7 German, 5 Irish, 4 Norwegian, 1 negro, 1 Australian.

## OFFICIAL REPORT ON MUNICIPAL NUISANCES

The report of J. Venhuizen, chief sanitary officer of the Board of Health, presented to the board yesterday afternoon, is as follows:

Following is the report of the chief sanitary officer and inspector of cemeteries for the month of February, 1909:

There were thirty-five complaints filed, all of which were investigated and the nuisances abated where they existed, with the exception of two, in which case further time was granted.

There were two recommendations for restaurant licenses issued.

There were fifty-five inspections of graves made and six coffins were exposed in the digging of these graves, also one disinterment was inspected and conditions found satisfactory.

There were eight permits to keep swine, and under these permits 350 swine can be kept.

Three 48-hour notices were served which had the desired effect.

The New England Bakery, on Hotel street, will be discontinued April 1, and all old buildings will be torn down, thus abating a long standing nuisance.

I beg to call attention to the great number of dogs and especially to mangy dogs about dwellings and particularly tenement-houses in all parts of the city.

Every endeavor is being made to improve the sanitary condition regarding drainage and connecting to sewers along the Punchbowl slopes, but owing to terminating of the leaseholds of the present occupants, who are mostly poor Portuguese, keeping premises clean by constant and regular inspections is about all that can be done at the present time.

During the month J. Nakamura, on Kalua road, and a Chinese on Second street were advised to stop baking foodstuffs, owing to insanitary condition of premises.

Inspectors Hugh Vivian Thevenen and Richard C. Lane began services February 1.

There were fifty-nine days special duty this month, most of which time was devoted to fumigating and mosquito campaign work, which account for the lessening in number of inspections made, etc.

## INSPECTION OF DAIRIES

How the Various Milk Depots Are Kept by the Owners.

An interesting report on the dairies of Honolulu was presented at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Health by Food Commissioner Duncan. The report was referred to a committee to frame rules and regulations. The report was as follows:

The matter of sanitation and the proper inspection of dairies has recently been made a matter of investigation in Honolulu. In order that the Board of Health may know just what has been done to improve the Honolulu supply, I beg to present a short report dealing with some of the important aspects of the subject.

There are no laws and rules and regulations governing the sanitation of dairies and the sanitary handling and distribution of milk. These usually precede any attempt to improve dairy conditions and we were, therefore, compelled to begin our work without any specific ideal in view other than to first correct some of the most insanitary practices and conditions. Even with the handicap of no rules, etc., to guide us, a beginning was made toward the general improvement of conditions in the fall of 1906, when by personal interview and correspondence, some of the largest dairymen assured me that they believed in clean milk and would voluntarily cooperate with the Board of Health in improving conditions. A number of dairies were improved and undesirable features abandoned. The Legislature of 1907 provided a milk and dairy inspector and in July, 1907, this man began work, first under the supervision of President Pinkham, later under the building and plumbing inspector and, finally, during the past year, entirely under my charge. With the appointment of a dairy inspector the work of improving sanitary conditions, method of milking and care of milk has gone steadily forward; lagging somewhat at times because, without laws or rules to fall back upon, we had no effective method to push the work. In spite of this the present conditions of our dairies will compare most favorably with that of any city of its size.

To systematize the work of inspection and to keep a detailed record of each dairy I have inaugurated a system of semiannual reports of our dairy inspections. From these reports I beg to call your attention to some of the improved conditions in our forty-four dairies:

Thirty-seven have cement floors in the milking sheds.

In 22 dairies the milkers wash their hands before milking.

In 26 dairies the udders of the cows are cleaned.

In 25 dairies the floors are swept daily.

In 19 dairies the floors are washed daily.

In 17 dairies the floors are washed occasionally.

In 36 dairies the walls, ceilings, etc., are kept free from dust, etc.

In 29 dairies the stables are white-washed semiannually.

In 9 dairies the stables are white-washed annually.

In 6 dairies the stables are not white-washed.

In regard to pure water supply, universally considered one of the indispensable conditions for dairies, we have to report that 39 dairies use city water, 3 use well water and 2 use spring water. The spring and well water supply has been investigated and found to be not liable to contamination.

Regarding disposition of manure, at the time the report was written, all dairies removed manure to a distance of at least 25 feet from the barn. At present two or three have piles close to the barn.

The above details are in contradistinction to the conditions of two years ago when it was the usual occurrence to use any available supply of water, filthy methods of milking, insanitary milking sheds, dirty utensils, surroundings of the barn in insanitary condition and no proper place for storing milk and milk utensils.

Improvements in dairy conditions everywhere have usually made slow progress. It seems that the Board of Health, working without rules, etc., has done considerable in improving the Honolulu supply.

There are at present seven or eight dairymen who have not the methods or facilities for producing fairly clean milk. For the consideration of these cases, and, also, for the consideration of the milk supply of Honolulu as a whole, I respectfully request that a committee be appointed.

About two years ago Dr. Pratt and myself inspected all the dairies in Honolulu. I herewith present some photographs of the stables in use at that time. It is hardly necessary to say that these buildings are not now used for the production of milk.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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J. R. de Souza and wf to Antone M. Caldeira..... D  
Charles A. Brown and wf to John B. Estate Ltd..... L  
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